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SUBJ: ATEEQI DENIES MAJOR GOK PURCHASE OF BRITISH BONDS

REF: KUWAIT 3642

1. FOLLOWING REPORTS OF POSSIBLE PURCHASE BY GOK OF POUNDS
750 MILLION WORTH OR BRITISH GOVERNMENT SECURITIES AND DENIALS
FROM BRITISH SOURCES (REFTEL), KUWAIT MFO ATEEQI TOLD NEWSMEN
THAT REPORTS WERE INCORRECT. HE WAS QUOTED AS SAYING THAT THE
SPECULATION HAD "DEVIATED GREATLY FROM ITS ORIGINAL ESTIMATE".
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2. AT SAME TIME, ATEEQI INDICATED THAT KUWAIT CERTAINLY DOES INTEND TO INVEST NOT ONLY IN GILT-EDGED BRITISH SECURITIES BUT IN OTHER MARKETS AS WELL. HE ASKED RHETORICALLY WHY WAS THERE SO MUCH INTEREST SPECIFICALLY IN KUWAITI INVESTMENTS. HE OFFERED NO DETAILS RE TIMING, AMOUNTS OR OTHER MODALITIES OF GOK INVESTMENTS.

3. COMMENT: I THINK THIS CASE IS POSSIBLY VERY SIMILAR TO DENIALS BY GOK REGARDING INVESTMENTS IN US TREASURY SECURITIES. I THINK GOK MAY VERY WELL, IN FACT, INTEND TO BUY BRITISH BONDS BUT DOES NOT LIKE ALL THE PUBLICITY. AS RESULT, KUWAITIS ARE "COOLING IT" FOR AWHILE.
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